

____ BILL NO. ____

INTRODUCED BY _____

(Primary Sponsor)

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A LAND USE LICENSE FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS ON STATE LAND MAY EXCEED 10 YEARS IN DURATION; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 77-1-209, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 77-1-209, MCA, is amended to read:

"77-1-209. Leasing rules. (1) The board may prescribe rules relating to the leasing of state lands ~~as~~ that it considers necessary in order to ensure that the use and proceeds of these lands may contribute in the highest attainable measure to the purposes for which they are granted to the state of Montana. The rules should prescribe a procedure for setting all fees and rental rates for the use of state lands for any purpose. The procedure should establish provisions for notice, public comment, public hearings, and appeal.

(2) A land use license for recreational trails may be for a period in excess of 10 years."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated \$5,000 from the state general fund to the department of natural resources and conservation. The department shall use the funds to pay for signs along recreational trails on state land where the trails are in proximity to or intersect with private land.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2007.

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